(c) The representation will be kept in mind if and when the Act is amended.

Social Clause under WTO

4568. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any social clause has been imposed under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement and some European and other countries have been insisting on labelling various products imported by them, as being "child-labour free" goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which our export is likely to be affected therefrom; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, due to certain media exposure on the subject of child labour, consumers in some developed countries, including in Europe, have been purchasing products labelled as being "child labour free".

(c) It is not possible to make any such assessment.

(d) Government has introduced a label "Kaleen" for carpets made without child labour.

[Translation]

Supply of Coal to Power Plants

4569. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plants of Gujarat are still being supplied irregularly and inferior quality of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some complaints have been received in this regard from July 15, 1996 till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken for ensuring regular supply of good quality of coal to the power plants in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e). The details of linkages vis-a-vis supply of coal to the power houses in the State of Gujarat during the period April-July, 1996 are given below:-

	(In '000 tonnes)
Linkage	6145
Supply	4563

Normal supplies of coal to the Gujarat power stations got regulated to the extent of advance payments paid by Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB).

The Thermal Power Stations by and large have been supplied agreed quality of coal for which their boilers are designed. Generally the complaints regarding quality of coal being supplied to the power houses relate to the presence of extraneous material in coal as also supply of over-sized coal. These complaints are examined on the merit of each case and corrective action is taken to redress the grievances of the consumers.

In order to bring down the quality complaints, steps like installation of feeder breakers, segregation of stones at the time of loading of coal, better supervision and encouraging the consumers to post their representatives at the loading point for quality loading are taken by the coal companies.

[English]

Foreign Assistance for the Development of Projects

4570. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign assistance provided by the Union Government for the development of various projects of Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of projects, State-wise; and

(c) the present position of these projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total foreign assistance provided by the Union Government for the development of various projects of Bihar and Maharashtra in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. Crore)

	ACA Released during		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(i) Bihar	24.89	72.01	32.02
(ii) Maharashtra	927.56	562.58	721.20

(b) The State-wise details of such projects are given in the attached Statement.

(c) In the case of Bihar, many of the projects have since been closed. The remaining projects are at various stages of implementation. For example, Tourism Infrastructure Development Project is at the terminal stage, while projects like Shrimp and Fish Culture have still three years left for its completion. In the case of Maharashtra while many projects are closed, others are at various stages of implementation. For example, Chandrapur Podghe is at the initial stage of implementation, while Water Control System for Development of Cooperation is at the terminal stage.

STATEMENT

Project-wise ACA Released During Last Three Years

State: Bihar (Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Source	Name of the Project	Opening/ closing Date	ACA Released during		
				1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	IDA	Bihar Plateau Dev.	07.12.92/ 30.06.98	-	11.29	17.68
2.	Japan	Eastern Gandak Cana Hydro Proj.*	26.12.84/ 31.12.94	2.04	1.93	-
3.	IDA	Shrimp & Fish Culture	29.01.92/ 30.06.99	0.07	0.07	0.05
4.	IBRD/IDA	State Road Proj.*	17.11.88/ 30.06.96	12.10	7.17	10.78
5.	Japan	Tourism Infras.	15.12.88/ 20.01.97	3.09	10.48	2.55
6.	IDA	National Water Mgt.*	12.05.87/ 31.03.95	2.30	1.94	-
7.	IDA	Tech. Edu. I	13.08.90/ 30.06.98	1.17	0.20	0.96
8.	IDA	Bihar Public Tubewells*	13.01.87/ 31.05.94	2.12	38.93	-
9.	U.S.A.	Water Resource Mgm. & Training Project*	30.07.83/ 30.09.92	2.00	-	-
	Total			24.89	72.01	32.02

* Project since closed.

State (Maharashtra) (Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Source	Name of the Project	Opening/ closing Date	ACA Released during		
				1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	IDA	Maharashtra Forestry	29.01.92/ 30.09.98	13.94	24.92	12.39
2.	United Kingdom	Maharashtra Rural Drinking Water Supply	10.09.81/ 30.09.96	5.25	5.43	10.11
3.	IBRD	Maharashtra Power	11.09.89/ 31.12.96	153.79	155.60	59.41
4.	IBRD	Second Maharashtra Power Project	08.07.92/ 30.06.98	3.97	72.01	82.12
5.	Japan	Ujjani Hydro-Electric*	25.11.85/ 25.05.94	1.72	0.95	-
7.	FRG	Uran Combined Cycle Power Stn*	22.11.90/ 30.09.94	322.04	9.47	55.78
8.	IDA	Maharashtra Irrigation	05.12.85/ 30.12.96	107.21	119.77	64.54
9.	EEC Grants	Water Control System for Dev. of Cooperation	25.10.88/ 31.12.96	1.85	-	-
10.	IDA	3rd Bombay Water Supply*	12.05.87/ 30.06.96	85.75	37.67	37.05
11.	IDA	Maharashtra Rural Water Supply	05.06.91/ 31.12.97	35.91	21.78	27.59
12.	IDA	Maharashtra Emer. Earthquake Recon. Pj.	06.04.94/ 30.06.97	-	27.36	145.81
13.	IFAD	Maharashtra Rural Credit	01.06.93 30.09.00	-	-	1.60
14.	IBRD/ IDA	State Road Proj.*	17.11.88/ 30.06.96	50.32	36.54	20.93
15.	IDA	National Water Mgt.*	12.05.87/ 31.03.95	0.81	0.18	0.41
16.	IDA	Tech. Edu. II	16.12.92/ 30.06.99	7.43	21.86	11.12
17.	IDA	Vth Population	16.09.88/ 31.12.96	-	2.89	8.70

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18.	IDA#	Sardar Sarovar Project	01.03.85/ 30.06.95	9.73	13.89	23.32
19.	Sweden	Chandrapur Podghe	28.02.94/ 30.06.97	-	-	141.64
20.	Japan	Govt. Engineering College, Pune*	22.06.93 -	-	-	18.68
21.	IBRD	Chandrapur Thermal Power Project*	16.09.85/ 31.03.94	39.54	8.26	-
22.	IDA	Rainfed Area Watershed Project*	08.02.84/ 31.12.93	2.40	0.78	-
23.	IDA	Bombay Urban Dev.*	01.03.87/ 30.09.94	85.90	3.22	-
	Total			927.56	562.58	721.20

* Project since closed

\# While World Bank loan has been discontinued, ACA is being released to the Project.

[Translation]

Closure of Heavy Production Cost Mines

4571. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to close down the heavy production cost coal mines of B.C.C.L.;

(b) if so, the names of mines which are likely to be closed down;

(c) the production cost in these coal mines;

(d) the number of labourers working in these coal mines;

(e) the grade-wise production of coal from these mines; and

(f) the scheme prepared for reemployment and rehabilitation of labourers likely to be rendered jobless due to closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The government has no proposal for imminent closure of heavy production cost coal mines in BCCL.

(b) to (f). Do not arise in view of the answer to Part(a) of the question.

[English]

Coal Washeries

4572. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT:

Will the Minsiter of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coal washeries set up as on date and their installed capacities;

(b) whether there is a proposal to modernise the washeries of BCCL and CCL to increase the production of washed coal;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether washed coal is being imported in large quantities;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the volume of coal imported in the Eighth Plan and the foreign exchange spent thereon?